Donald L. Fowler, National Chair • Christopher J. Dodd, General Chair

October 30, 1996

Office of General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: <u>MUR 4516</u>

Attention: Colleen T. Sealander, Central Enforcement Docket

Dear Mr. Sealander:

The undersigned represent respondents DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee and R. Scott Pastrick, as Treasurer, in the above-referenced MUR. A Statement of Designation of Counsel is enclosed.

On behalf of respondents, we respectfully request an extension of fifteen (15) days in which to file a response to the complaint. The complaint makes allegations about numerous advertisements evidently sponsored by a number of different committees and entities. Preparing a meaningful response to the complaint may well require extensive fact gathering and discussions with persons in and, possibly, outside the DNC, both to determine the nature of the DNC's involvement, if any, in any of these advertisements and to determine the nature and context of any advertisement in which the DNC had any involvement. Given the pendency of the general election, it will be impossible to complete the necessary work within the 15 day time period.

We received the complaint on October 25, 1996. If this request is granted, our response would be due on Monday, November 25, 1996.

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Thank you very much for your time and attention to this request. If you have any questions or need further information concerning this request, please contact us at 202-863-7110.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Sandler, General

Counsel

Neil P. Reiff, Deputy General

Counsel

Attorneys for Respondents